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1. This communication is responsive to Telephone interview on 07/20/2005 and 07/21/2005.
 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
 3. The drawings filed on 18 March 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the:
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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DETAILED ACTION**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Eustace P. Isidore, (Registration No 56,104) on 07/21/2005. The amended claims have been faxed and emailed to the examiner on July 21, 2005 by the applicant.

The application has been amended as follows :

In the claims:

9. (currently amended) A system for providing secure access to console functions of a computer system, said system comprising logic encoded on a computer readable medium that when executed on a console device provides the following functions[[for]]:

initiating a first EKE sequence between [[a]] the console device and a network-accessible system to authenticate the console device as being authorized to connect to the network-accessible system to allow user access to the network-accessible system, wherein the first EKE sequence includes checking whether a device shared secret generated during a set-up of the console device with the network-accessible system matches an associated shared secret stored on the network-accessible system to which a console operation is desired enabled;

when the device shared secret matches the associated shared secret, initiating a second EKE sequence between the console device and the network-accessible system to authenticate a userID and password of the user of the console device; and

preventing access to the network-accessible system when either the first EKE sequence or the second EKE sequence fails to authenticate, wherein a dual authentication procedure is implemented before any access is permitted by a user to the network-accessible system.

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10. (currently amended) The system of Claim 9, further comprising:
logic encoded on a computer readable medium that when executed on the console device provides the following function[[for]]:

generating the device shared secret via an initial EKE sequence utilizing a default device identifier and associated default shared secret during an initial setup of the console device for connecting to the network-accessible system, wherein said device shared secret is utilized in place of said default device shared secret in subsequent console authentication procedures; and

logic encoded on the computer readable medium that when executed on the network-accessible system provides the following functions:

storing said device shared secret within a secure storage location of said network-accessible system; and

passing a copy of the device shared secret to the console device for secure storage therein, wherein said device shared secret is stored in a secure location on said console device and utilized along with a device ID of the console device during each subsequent connection of said console device to said network-accessible system.

11. (currently amended) The system of Claim 10, further comprising logic encoded on a computer readable medium that when executed on the console device provides the functions of[[for]] encrypting and decrypting a console operator's authentication data flowing between said console device and said network-accessible system utilizing a value selected from among said shared secret and a hash of said shared secret.

12. (currently amended) The system of Claim 10, further comprising logic encoded on a computer readable medium that when executed on the console device provides the functions of[[for]] encrypting and decrypting subsequent session data flowing between said console device and said network-accessible system utilizing a value selected from among a second secret generated by the second EKE sequence or a hash of said second secret.

13. (currently amended) The system of Claim 10, further comprising logic encoded on a computer readable medium that when executed on the console device provides the following functions[[for]]:

responsive to an establishment of a first console session that authenticates said console device, instantiating a second EKE sequence to authenticate a console operator utilizing a default user identifier and password;

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enabling an update of the default user identifier and password to a new user identifier and password; and

storing said new user identifier and password in a secure storage location of said network-accessible system only, wherein said new user identifier and password are not stored on the console device.

14. (currently amended) The system of Claim 13, further comprising logic encoded on a computer readable medium that when executed on the console device provides the following functions[[for]]:

enabling a setup of multiple device identifiers and authorization levels for other devices to act as console devices;

storing said multiple device identifiers and authorization levels in said secure storage location; wherein said setup and storing of device identifiers and authorization levels are completed by an administrator of the network-accessible system; and

enabling multiple console sessions for different systems on a single console device.

15. (currently amended) The system of Claim 13, further comprising logic encoded on a computer readable medium that when executed on the console device provides the following functions[[for]]:

enabling a setup of multiple operator user identifiers and associated passwords and authorization levels for other console operators to access console functions of the system; and

storing said multiple operator user identifiers and associated passwords and authorization levels in said secure storage location;

wherein said setup and storing of operator user identifiers, associated passwords and authorization levels are completed by an administrator of the network-accessible system.

16. (currently amended) The system of Claim 10, wherein said logic encoded on a computer readable medium for providing the function of passing a copy of the device shared secret further comprises logic that when executed on the console device provides one of the following functions[[for one of]]:

when the console device includes an embedded smart chip, storing the copy of the device shared secret within the embedded smart chip, wherein the device shared secret is encrypted and maintained in a physically secure storage; and

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storing the copy of the device shared secret in encrypted format within the secure memory region of the console device, wherein said encrypted format utilizes a key generated from an operator-specified password.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samson B Lemma whose telephone number is 571-272-3806. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 am---4: 30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BARRON JR GILBERTO can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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